

Friday, November 08, 2002  
Dear Fellow TAC members:

The Project Team has reviewed our notes from the October 2 TAC meeting and identified a comprehensive list of suggestions and recommendations from you that we are in the process of addressing. We have categorized these suggestions and recommendations into two lists. The first list comprises suggestions and recommendations that logically pertain to both the revising of the background report and the preparation for the Visioning Session.

The second list comprises suggestions and recommendations that pertain to the Visioning Session only--or to general policies with respect to the conduct of the project.

The following suggestions and recommendations apply to both revision of the Background paper and the preparation of Visioning Session materials:

- \* Check with Bill Auberley at NAU on Air Quality Trends.
- \* Check on workshop held recently at NAU on diesel/truck idling/truck stop electrification.
- \* Check with Tom Acker in NAU College of Engineering on wind field plots.
- \* Disaggregate the 2000 Census data to places (i.e. Flagstaff, Page) in Coconino County.
- \* Check on I-40 Alternative Fuel Corridor studies.
- \* Investigate diesel demonstration projects and identify potential funding for future projects.
- \* Overlay Coconino County boundaries on the Class I Areas map.
- \* Show the jurisdiction of the Forest Service vs the Park Service on the land use map.
- \* Check the EPA website to update air quality trends for 1997-2001.
- \* The air quality graphs should clearly indicate healthy (below std) vs unhealthy (above std)
- \* Remove Tucson from the line chart showing PM-10 trends; replace with Grand Canyon
- \* Discuss Tucson's Natural Events Policy and Payson's success in reducing PM-10
- \* Juxtapose Grand Canyon and Sycamore Canyon data in the air quality tables.
- \* Compare Flagstaff/Coconino County with California, Phoenix and Las Vegas in terms of their contribution to visibility impairment at the Grand Canyon and Sycamore Canyon.
- \* Get additional air quality monitoring data from the National Park Service.
- \* Eliminate agriculture AQI strategies because there is little ag activity in Coconino County.
- \* Add smoke management programs as an AQI strategy.
- \* Add promotion of wind and solar energy as an AQI strategy.
- \* Add concept of red (no-burn) and green (OK-to-burn) days to the description of woodburning management strategies.
- \* Emphasize visibility improvement as a benefit and quality of life enhancement for residents of Coconino County.

- \* From a health perspective, the AQIs should focus on reducing ozone during the summer and PM2.5 during the winter.
- \* Obtain windrose data by season.
- \* Obtain National Park Service and Forest Service Plans for Coconino County.
- \* Obtain information on road closures by the NPS and NFS.
- \* Discuss the air quality tradeoff between closing dirt roads and inducing additional VMT on alternative routes.
- \* Obtain the Coconino County Comprehensive Plan.
- \* Obtain the Mountain Line Transit Five-year Plan.
- \* Obtain the Navajo Comprehensive Plan and those of other tribes in Coconino County.
- \* Obtain the Coconino County light ordinance.
- \* Discuss the air quality impact of using cinders on icy roads during the winter.
- \* Investigate FHWA and WRAP grant opportunities and other sources of funding to implement recommendations of the Visioning Group.
- \* Emphasize "improving" as opposed to just "sustaining" air quality and visibility
- \* Highlight four Class I areas in SIP, mention Forest Service jurisdiction
- \* Add "National" to trends slides for criteria pollutants
- \* Do not refer to tribes as "public sector agencies."

The following suggestions apply to the Visioning Session, or are general policy recommendations:

- \* Use the NPS video on Visibility as a lead-in at the first Visioning Session
- \* Obtain graphics from Bill Malm's presentations to explain deciviews and show pictures of perceptible changes in visibility
- \* One of the air quality improvement (AQI) strategies that should be considered in the Visioning Sessions is the need for more monitors in Coconino County.
- \* Dark Skies is a world-reknown home-grown initiative and would be a recognizable model and good lead-in for the Visioning Session.
- \* Arrange to update the Coconino County Board of Supervisors in January on the status of this project and the upcoming Visioning sessions.
- \* Consider restricting use of the Cinder Lakes Off-Road Vehicle area as an AQI strategy.
- \* The Ponderosa Room of the Health Department is a potential site for the Visioning Sessions.

Adjusting the project schedule slightly will allow the Project Team additional time to consider the suggestions received from the TAC and to revise the Background paper and prepare Visioning Session materials as appropriate. We now anticipate holding the next TAC meeting toward the end of January and the first Visioning Session in March. The second Visioning Session can be held 4-6 weeks after the first as planned.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the project. Thanks again for your input and your involvement.

